



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 2852**

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Takehiko SUZUKI, et al.	:	Examiner: Quana M. Grainger
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Application No.: 09/597,210	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
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Filed: June 20, 2000	:	Confirmation No.: 5981
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For: AN IMAGE FORMING	:	
APPARATUS	)	September 29, 2004
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 29, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.